

TALENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The grand opening for our office and museum took place July 15, 1995, in conjunction with the "Bob Day" celebration, as planned, and was a heartwarming success. Our visitor/guest book showed we had about 143 visitors. We know there were many others who passed through and didn't sign the book.

The Board of Directors held it's monthly meeting on August 6, 1995. Items discussed were: preparation for elections of officers and board members in October, an invitation from the Gold Hill Historical Society to attend their annual potluck, Oregon Historical Society congratulations on our membership, requirements for obtaining our portion of history preservation funds from Jackson County, T.H.S. office/museum renovation, preparation for "Bob Day" and Talent Harvest Day activities, status of our non-profit tax exempt status, location of the wagon the Beesons came to Wagner Creek in, providing maps of how to get to Sterns Cemetery.

At the August 27, 1995 board meeting we discussed; the need for more volunteers to help staff the office/museum during open hours, more preparation for Harvest Festival activities, finding a volunteer public relations representative and the full membership meeting and elections in September.

Talent Harvest Festival took place on September 9, 1995. Our office/museum was open to the public. We logged 75 visitors in our book. Again, lots of visitors didn't sign in. In addition the Historical Society held an apple peeling contest and had an entry in the parade featuring Dewey and Carrie Talent, and an antique apple press that was later demonstrated by it's owner, Bob Casebeer. Our thanks to the Talents for their participation and support, to Mr. Casebeer for his generous contributions to our activities, and to the Country Farm Center in Medford for the use of the John Deere tractor used to pull the trailer that the apple press sat on.

There was a special meeting of the Board of Directors held September 11, 1995. Only item of discussion was the need for some additional information on our application for tax-exempt status. The board made the necessary amendments to that part of the application and re-submitted it.

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REMEMBER! Any society member in good standing is welcome at any monthly board meeting. If you want to address an issue with the board, please let the secretary know two weeks in advance of your attendance so appropriate time can be scheduled for you to do so. Copies of minutes from any of our meetings are available on request. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Monday except holidays. Your secretary's phone number is listed below with those of all the other officers and board members.

The annual meeting of the full membership took place on September 17, 1995. The usual reading of minutes, committee reports, treasurer's report, etc. took place. The Secretary, Rosemary Logan, read her annual report summarizing the activities of the Society from October 1, 1994 to October 1, 1995. President, Susan Moulder brought us up to date on our application for tax-exempt status. After some refreshments in recognition of the many contributions of Tom Moulder, and of Rosemary Logan's \$500.00 donation to the society, nominations for election of officers took place. Bill Bagley resigned his position on the Board of Directors. This left two open positions on the board; the one vacated by Mr. Bagley, and the empty treasurer's position. Fern Hagler and Rosemary Bevel were nominated and elected to the two empty positions. Then the board of directors elected officers from it's ranks.

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| President | Susan Moulder | 535-9060 |
| | | Expires October 1996 |
| Vice President | Harry (Bud) Gleim | 482-3739 |
| | | Expires October 1996 |
| Secretary | Rosemary Logan | 734-4690 |
| | | Expires October 1996 |
| Treasurer | Fern Hagler | 535-3413 |
| | | Expires October 1997 |
| Directors at large | Lida Childers | Vacant |
| | Betty Welburn | 535-3764 |
| | | Expires October 1996 |
| | Alice Burnett | 535-4790 |
| | | Expires October 1997 |
| | Katherine Harris | 535-2576 |
| | | Expires October 1997 |
| | Rosemary Bevel | 535-5875 |
| | | Expires October 1997 |

OUR SYMPATHY

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With deep regret, we must inform you that Co-Founder and Board member Lida Childers died of a heart attack on October 27, 1995. Notwithstanding the passing of a most kind and generous lady, her contributions and value to the Talent Historical Society, indeed to our community, can't be measured. Lida was an avid historian and was also a member of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, the Oregon Historical Society, The Camp White Historical Association, Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the Wagner Creek Cemetery Association, the Oregon Historical Cemetery Association, the Oregon Genealogical Society, and other such organizations. Her contributions to the preservation and restoration of pioneer and historical cemeteries were noted and respected throughout Oregon. With her passing we are left with the task of filling her position on our board of directors. No one can fill her shoes. She will truly be missed.

The Board of Directors held their regular meeting on October 1, 1995. Topics of discussion were a comprehensive review of our by-laws to see that they still meet our needs, as originally written and adopted, the establishment of job descriptions for each of the four officers' positions so we concur with the Guidelines on Rules and Responsibilities for Museum Board of Directors, the appointment of an acquisition committee to set criteria for accepting donations, our participation in the observation of Veterans' Day at the Community Center and the establishment of the following committees:

COMMITTEE

CHAIR

Oral History

Yvonne Reynolds

Public Relations

Judy Bunch

Research & Law

Sam McCrary

By-Laws

Harry (Bud) Gleim

Jackson Co. Historical Commission

Tom Moulder

Telephone

Katherine Harris

Newsletter

Harry (Bud) Gleim

Program & Planning

Susan Moulder

Historical Acquisition

Rosemary Bevel

Photographs

Betty Welburn

The next regular meeting of the board of directors was held on November 5, 1995 Susan announced that we have received our 501C-3 tax-exempt status, that is good until April 30, 1999. The following topics were also addressed.

This year's Christmas activities, county historical preservation funding, preparation for the Applegate Trail Celebration next year, the purchase of an old quilt, and the possibility of T.H.S. taking on responsibility for restoration of the Community Center.

There was a Veterans' Day exhibit at the museum and in the Community Center November 10, 11, and 12. We hope you joined us in remembering our brave loved ones. We had over 500 visitors come through.

We're looking for ideas for a Logo and a Name of this newsletter. If you have any ideas, please let Susan Moulder or Bud Gleim know, or mail it to our office.

We are in need of volunteers to staff our office on Mondays if you have any free time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. please contact our president or secretary.

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** A GENTLE REMINDER TO CHECK AND SEE

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IF YOUR DUES ARE PAID UP.

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** IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN, AND YOU

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** WANT TO CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP,

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** PLEASE CONTACT OUR SECRETARY,

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ROSEMARY LOGAN.

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** MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY WOULD MAKE

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** A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

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And now for our continuing saga of Talent in "the good old days". We dedicate this one to the memory of Lida Childers.

WALKING ON.....

Now lets take you back to the Fire Department.....

When Ashland bought a new fire truck, they put their old La France up for sale. the Talent News Flashes thought that was just what we needed here for fire protection. We went all out for the fire engine. After N.F. convinced the city they needed a fire engine, the La France was purchased. That my friends was the start of a good fire department.

Now that we have traveled through the downtown of Talent come with me to the School and gym. A 3 day celebration is taking place up there. The celebration is sponsored by the Talent Chamber of Commerce organized by a group of businessmen in Talent, with the help of Mr. Banwell, Secretary of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber sponsored a Pear and Tomato Show. It was a 3 day festival, the growers had their pears and tomatoes exhibited around the sides of the gym. In the center of the gym was the biggest Pear Pie in the world. It filled the center of the building. Everyone who came to the show had a big piece of pie. And it was good. The high school girls went to the bakery 2 days and peeled, cored and sliced 40 lugs of pears at Becks Bakery in Medford.

The event lasted 3 days, concessions were inside the school basement and on the grounds. A free donkey baseball game was played 2 days.

The queen of the show was Olive Hill, escorted to the stage in the gym by the Kilty Band of Ashland.

There was no charge for the show or pie; and it is well remembered by those who are still here. The celebration ended with a big dance at the Community hall. And that my friends is the story of the Biggest Pear Pie in the world.

Join us next time when we take a walk down the railroad track to the Bagley Canning Co.....



Next fall, when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

PEOPLE WHO SHARE A COMMON DIRECTION AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY CAN GET WHERE THEY ARE GOING MORE QUICKLY AND EASILY, BECAUSE THEY ARE TRAVELING ON THE THRUST OF ONE ANOTHER.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone--and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

IF WE HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS A GOOSE, WE WILL STAY IN FORMATION WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE HEADED THE SAME WAY WE ARE.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

IT IS SENSIBLE TO TAKE TURNS DOING DEMANDING JOBS, WHETHER WITH PEOPLE OR WITH GEESE FLYING SOUTH.

Geece honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

WHAT MESSAGES DO WE GIVE WHEN WE HONK FROM BEHIND?

Finally--and this is important--when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

IF WE HAVE THE SENSE OF A GOOSE, WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.

(From: Chicken Soup for the Soul)
Contributed by Rosemary Bevel



THE BOARD GIVES THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL BOUNTY
WE HAVE RECEIVED AND WISHES EVERYONE
A WARM AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

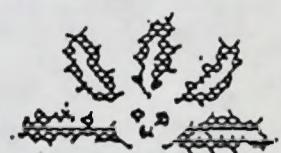
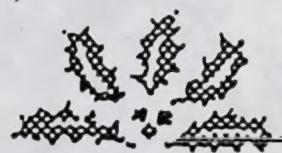
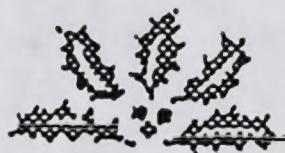
Thanksgiving

Season's

Hanukah

Greetings

Christmas



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